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The Fisherman And The King's Ring

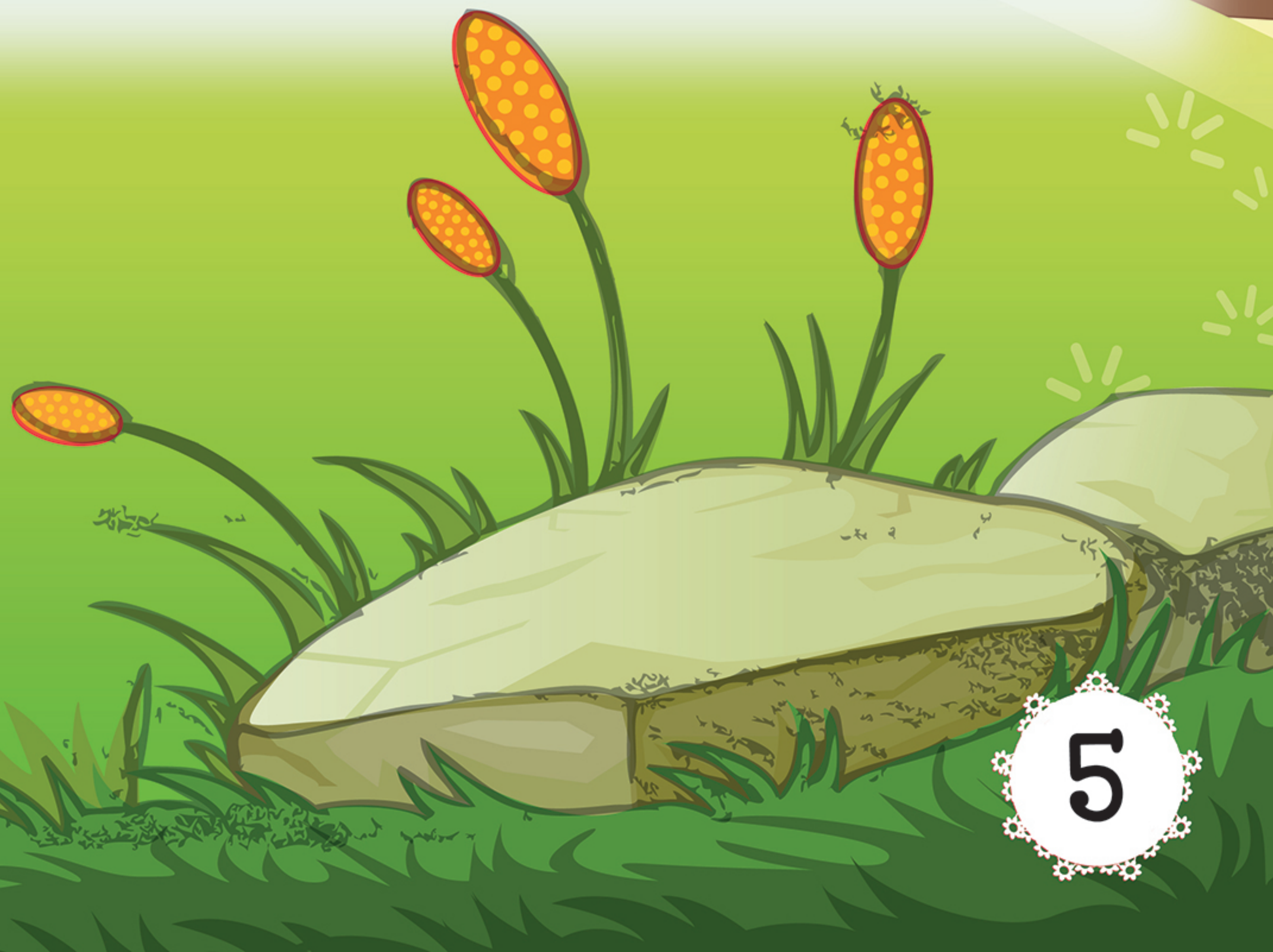
The king was walking along the sea shore when he saw a fisherman crying and holding his empty net. The fisherman told the king that he was poor and he hadn't caught any fish that day. The king pitied him. He gave him a bag full of gold and went away. The fisherman was very happy. He, suddenly, saw something sparkling on the ground. He picked it; it was the ring that the king was wearing. The fisherman liked the ring and decided to keep it. He put it in his finger. Suddenly, the ring gave out a very bright light that spread everywhere. The fisherman was frightened. He tried to take off the ring but the king's soldiers were already surrounding him. He knew that it was a magical ring that told about anyone who wore it other than the king. The king took back the ring and the gold from the fisherman and put him in prison as a punishment.





The Kind Farmer

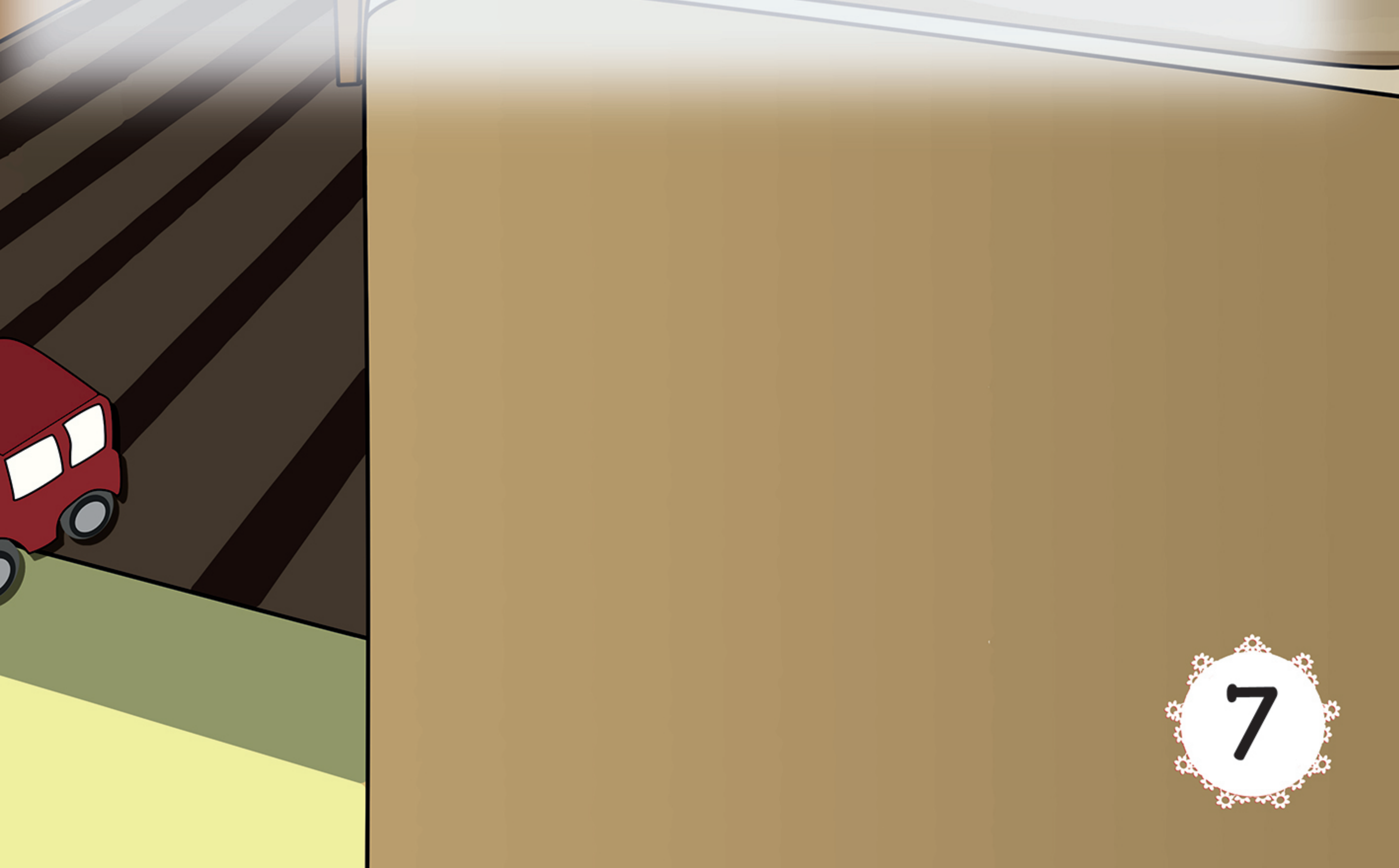
The farmer was keenly working hard on his field when a little hungry bird came down in front of him. The farmer gave the bird a piece of bread. The bird ate the bread and flew away. The bird got used to come to the farmer everyday to eat bread. One day, the bird came to the farmer to eat as usual. It found him sad because he was ill and couldn't take care of his field. The bird flew away quickly. It came back, after some time, with a flock of birds. The birds came down. Some of them ploughed the field and others sowed the seeds. The farmer was watching them in surprise. The birds went on working until the whole field was planted. The farmer thanked them and they flew away. After some days, the plant grew. The kind farmer was very happy.

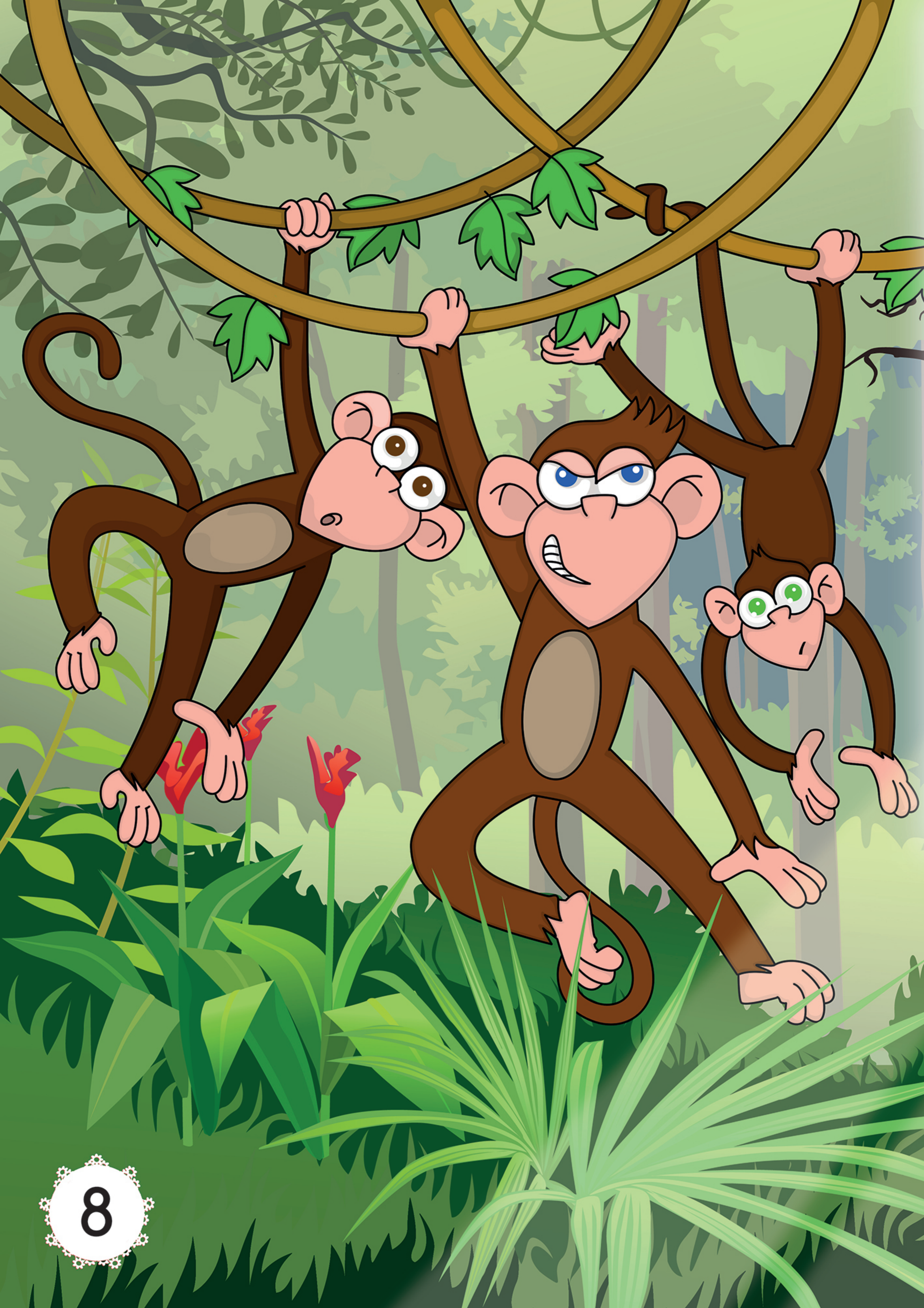




The Lazy Samir

Samir was careless and lazy. He liked sleeping and eating and he didn't like doing anything useful. He always pretended to be ill so as not to go to school and stay in bed. One day, he came back from school. He threw his bag and clothes on the floor as usual. His mother was very angry and his father blamed him harshly but he didn't care. He sat down watching TV. He was eating banana and throwing the banana skin on the floor. Samir fell asleep on the chair. After some time, his mother called him for lunch. Samir got up lazily. He stepped over the banana skin. He fell down and his leg was broken. Samir had to stay in bed for a long time. He got very bored and decided to change. Since then, Samir became active and careful.

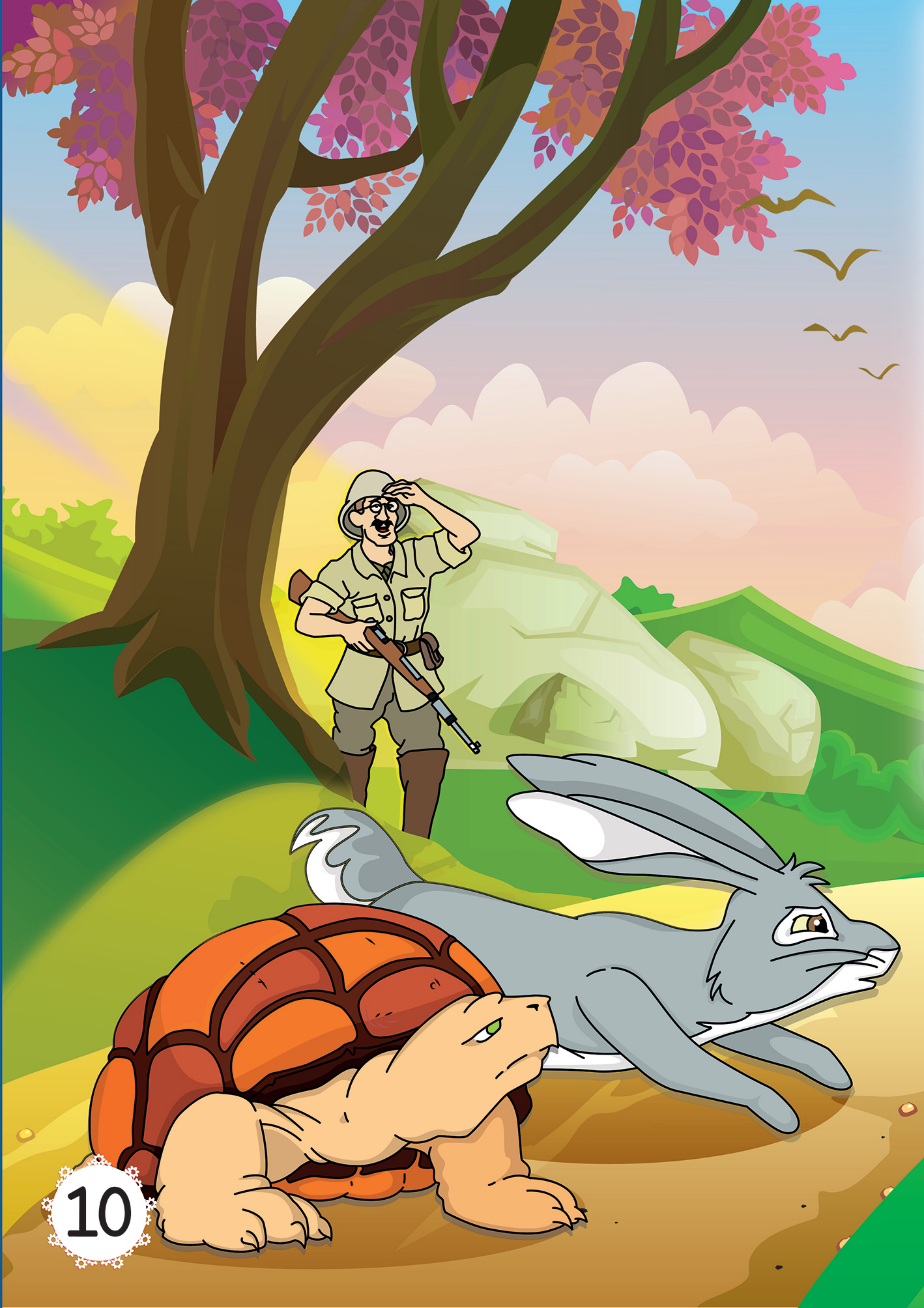




The Lying Monkey

The little monkey was jumping happily among the trees with his friends. Suddenly, he cried out for help. All the monkeys gathered around him to see what was wrong with him. But, he laughed and jumped quickly before them. He liked lying very much. All the monkeys were angry with him and decided not to believe him again. One day, the monkeys were playing and racing. The lying monkey was caught in the hunter's trap. The monkey called out his friends to save him. They didn't believe him. They thought that he was lying to trick them and win them in the race, as usual. They left him and went away. The monkey cried and wept. The monkeys saw the hunter coming from far away. They hurried to the monkey and set him free. The monkey thanked them. He apologized to them and never lied again.





The Turtle And The Rabbit

The turtle and the rabbit were two close friends. They always walked in the forest and stopped every now and then to eat the grass. They were always laughing happily. One day, they were walking quietly when they saw a hunter coming from far away. They were both frightened. The rabbit ran quickly but the turtle was very slow. She couldn't catch up with the rabbit. So, he left her alone. He, even, didn't answer her when she called him. The turtle became very sad but she thought quickly. She hid her head and feet inside her shell. When the hunter saw her he thought her a rock and went past her without taking any notice of her. The rabbit came back ashamed of himself but the turtle left him and went away because he had let her down and he didn't deserve her friendship.





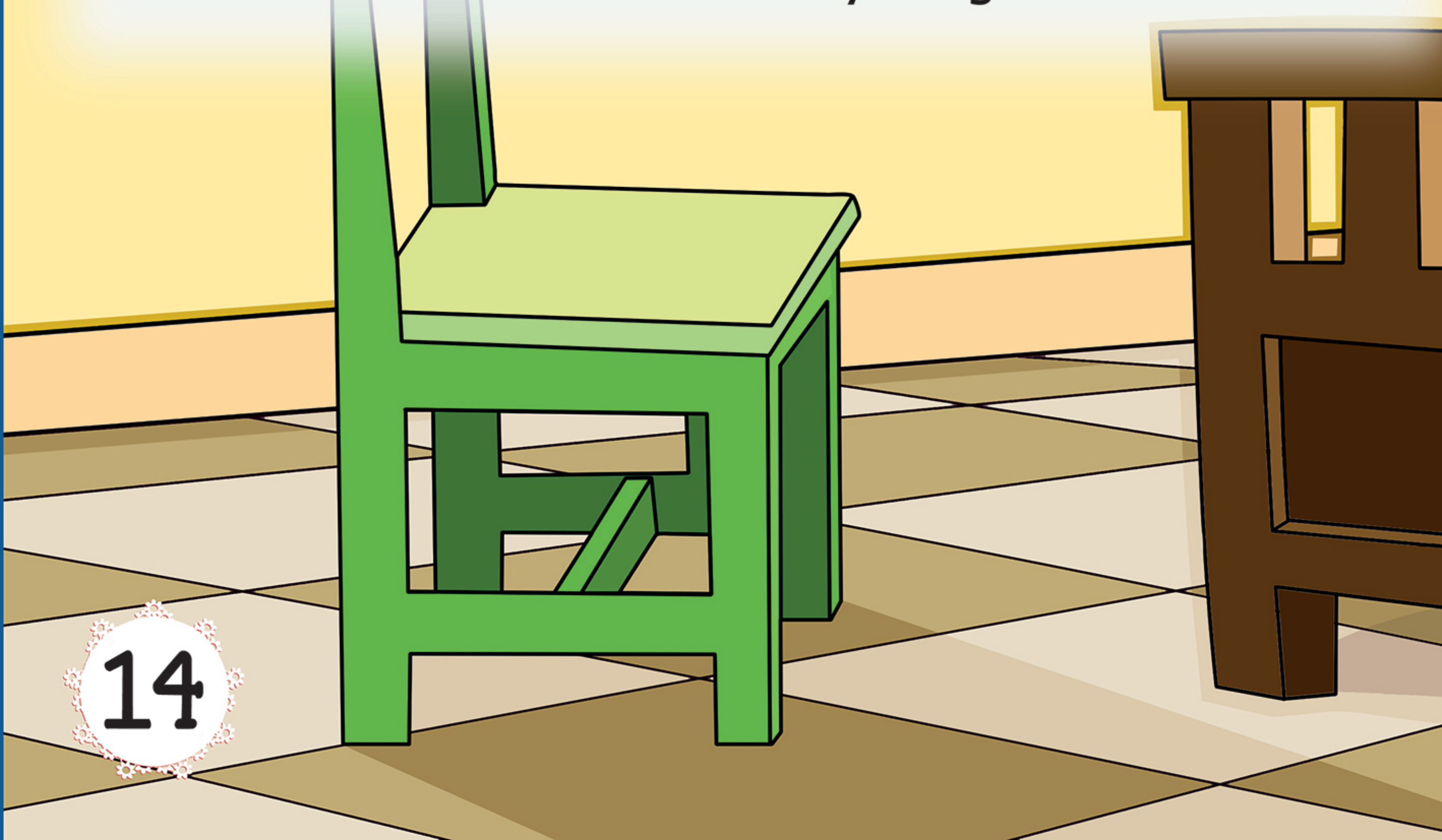
The Rabbit's Land

The rabbits were living happily on their land eating the green grass and drinking the water of the river. Day after day, the number of rabbits increased and the grass decreased and became not enough. The rabbits feared hunger and they thought of moving to a new land that had enough grass. The rabbits felt sad for leaving their loving land. So, they thought for a long time. They decided to remain on their land and plant it. They cooperated together and worked all day and night. They bore tiredness and hunger. After some time, the plant grew. They had enough food and lived happily on their land.



The Milkman

The milkman used to walk in the market carrying the milk jar to sell what inside it. He was not satisfied with the little money he gained. He added water to the jar to increase what inside it. He sold the cheated milk and nobody discovered his cheating. He gained a lot of money and he was very happy. The next day, he added more water to the milk until the jar was totally full. He wanted to get more and more money. He carried the jar and walked in the streets to sell the cheated milk. The jar was very heavy. It fell down and all the milk spilt on the ground. The milkman lost all his milk and didn't even get the little money he used to get. He cried. He was sorry for what he did. He never cheated the milk again and he became satisfied with the little money he gained.





Glossary

The fisherman and the king's ring:

Pity: feel sorry for someone.

Sparkle: give out bright light.

The kind farmer:

Flock of birds: a group of birds that fly and eat together. Their leader always flies in the front.

Plough the land: prepare the land for planting.

Sow the seeds: scatter the seeds.

The lazy Samir:

Pretend being ill: to act as if he is ill but in fact he is not.

The lying monkey:

Trap: a way to hunt small animals. The hunter makes the trap in the ground and covers it with sand or leaves so that the animal would not see it and fall in it.

The milkman:

Jar: a container made of glass or clay with narrow opening in which we put water, milk or honey.